

HOUSE RESOLUTION 44
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bill Davis on the celebration of his 60th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Body should pause to recognize a most significant milestone in the life of one of Tennessee's finest citizens, Bill Davis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis will celebrate his 60th birthday on March 6, 2005, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Davis attains the plateau of sixty years of age, we should commiserate with this remarkable gentleman as he regretfully witnesses the graying and, in some instances, the disappearance of his hair; and

WHEREAS, as he listens to his arteries harden on this special occasion, Mr. Davis can fondly reminisce about his illustrious thirty-seven-year career in the malt beverage industry; and

WHEREAS, in December 1968, Mr. Davis began his outstanding tenure with Clark Distributing Company, Inc. in Dyersburg, and the rest, as they say, is history; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, he was promoted to General Manager of Clark Distributing, and he has served with distinction in that important position ever since; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has also rendered invaluable service to his industry as a member of the Board of the Tennessee Malt Beverage Association for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, realizing that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Mr. Davis has given generously of his time, talents, and resources to build a better quality of life for his fellow citizens through his participation in numerous civic and philanthropic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, he has served on various committees of the Dyersburg Chamber of Commerce, he is actively involved with Speaker Naifeh's Coon Supper, and he is regionally

renowned for bringing the world famous Budweiser Clydesdales to the Humboldt Strawberry Festival; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is known to his closest friends as "Starch," a nickname that recognizes the meticulous care he attends to his golfing attire, especially his undergarments; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Bill Davis is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with loving wife of over thirty-five years, Julie, and their daughter, Beth, and three grandsons, Gage, Chase and Braiden; and

WHEREAS, the age of sixty truly marks the beginning of the autumn of one's years, that degenerative time of life when one's eyesight falters, when one's bones creak, when rising to one's feet from a sitting position occasions numerous grunts and an undue amount of effort, and when one's memory tries mightily to fulfill its functions, but only produces a feeble flicker of recognition as it fails miserably in its attempt to provide that elusive date, telephone number or relative's name; and

WHEREAS, we can only wish our friend Bill Davis all the best of these aforementioned delights of turning 60 as he enters his seventh decade secure in his enviable position as the "Duke of Dyersburg" or is it the "Baron of Budweiser"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commiserate with our friend Bill Davis on the celebration of his 60th birthday and join with him in mourning the passing of his youth, even as we wish him much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.